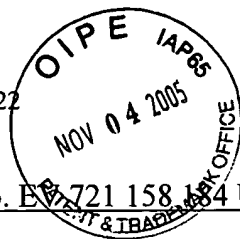


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In re Application of:

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**REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL OATH OR DECLARATION**

**IN NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

Dear Examiner Prebilic:

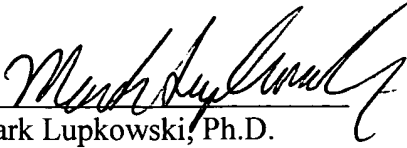
This communication is to confirm removal of the requirement of the Supplemental Oath or Declaration made in the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee(s) Due mailed August 8, 2005. In a communication sent on October 19, 2005, Applicant's attorney argued that the requirement should be removed and requested removal of the requirement. In response to this communication, the Examiner indicated that the requirement would be removed in a telephone conversation on November 3, 2005.

Applicant's attorney requests payment of issue fee. An authorization to pay the issue fee is enclosed. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0297.

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